

Learning Resources and Technology

Newsletter

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National Board Certification Library Media Specialist Pilot

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) is recruiting practicing teachers to pilot test assessments, one of which is for library media specialists. Teachers will be asked to videotape a lesson and/or collect student work and write an analysis about their teaching in the discipline, based on the published NBPTS standards.

The library media pilot is divided into two sections: early through middle school (students ages 3-12) and early adolescence through young adulthood (students ages 11-18+). The time frame for the pilot is January through March 2001. Those who previously have participated, estimate that a 10-15 hour commitment is necessary to complete one portfolio entry. An honorarium of \$150 is paid.

For more information and an application form, visit the NBPTS web site:

http://www.nbpts.org/pilot_flyer.doc

or call Melissa Nolan: 800-779-3339, ext. 5312.

Time to Vote

January is the month for 4th, 5th and 6th grade students to vote for their favorite Nutmeg book. Tally forms are available on-line at the Nutmeg Children's Book Award web site:

http://www.geocities.com/nutmeg_award/

Final tallies can be mailed, faxed or submitted on-line and are due by January 31, 2001. If you have questions, contact Pam Nicholson at 860-779-5383.

New Internet Tool Kit from ALA

Beginning January 10, 2001, the new "Libraries and the Internet Tool Kit" will be available on-line at:

<http://www.ala.org/P.O./internettoolkit/>

The tool kit is designed to help librarians manage and communicate effectively about the Internet. The content will include information about developing and communicating effective messages; techniques for handling tough questions and situations related to internet use; formulating and using sound policies, and more.

Filtering Rider Passes in Congress

President Clinton signed into law H.R. 4577 (now Public Law Number 106-554), the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2001. Attached to the bill was a rider that will require all schools and libraries to install and maintain Internet filters or risk losing key federal funding. The funding sources cited in the bill include ESEA Title III, LSTA and Universal Service Fund discounts. The law also mandates that all schools and libraries have in place a policy of Internet safety for minors.

The new law does provide for disabling the filter to allow access to blocked sites for bona fide research or other lawful purposes. While the law defines in general terms what content must be blocked, it also includes a section on local determination of what content is inappropriate for minors. This responsibility will reside with the school board, local educational agency, library or other authority responsible for making

the determination. Already there are legal challenges to these requirements. The mandate is scheduled to take effect 120 days following passage.

Connecticut Digital Library

The Gale Group has been selected as the best-qualified proposer to provide the package of general periodicals, enhanced business and health databases for the Connecticut Digital Library. Contract negotiations will begin immediately and databases will become available when the contract is signed. The databases in the package include:

- InfoTrac One-File
- General Reference Center GOLD
- Expanded Academic ASAP
- InfoTrac K-12 (including InfoTrac Kids, InfoTrac Junior, InfoTrac Student and the Professional Collection)
- Business & Company Resource Center
- Health & Wellness Resource Center
- What Do I Read Next?

For more information about these databases, visit the Gale web site: <http://www.gale.com> and click on "visit our catalog," then on "product fact sheets."

There are still funds remaining for the purchase of on-line databases. If you have suggestions as to what products might be most useful, send them to Jane Emerson. E-mail:

jemerson@cslib.org

Continue to follow developments of the Digital Library at:

<http://www.cslib.org/cln/diglibinfo.htm>

Connecticut's Blueprint for Reading Achievement

Connecticut's Blueprint for Reading Achievement: The Report of the Early Reading Success Panel is now available on the State Department of Education web site:

<http://www.state.ct.us/sde/dtl/curriculum/currread.htm>

Along with specific conclusions about instructional strategies for teaching children to read, the report recognizes the importance of libraries and library media specialists. Librarians and other educational partners help students develop the lifelong habit of reading.

Knowledge Network Programming

Knowledge Network is a microwave-based delivery system for educational programming. A special antenna and decoder are required to receive the programs listed in the schedule that follows. Most of the programming is described in the *Instructional Television Schedule and Resource Guide, 2000-2001*. Other programming includes:

Colonial Williamsburg Electronic Field Trips:

"Buying Respectability" shows how clothes indicated and affected a colonist's social standing in the new world. It investigates the 18th-century consumer revolution with dress and fashions from Margaret Hunter's Millinery Shop.

"Flames of Freedom" explores how African Americans resisted slavery. Frederick Douglass narrates this history of slave rebellions from colonial times to John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry.

Kennedy Performing Arts Series:

"Taylor 2 Dance Company" provides an introduction to modern dance with performance excerpts from the works of Paul Taylor.

"Telling Stories: Walter Dean Myers" features the award-winning author discussing and reading excerpts from his books.

NASA Connect:

"Algebra and Functions: Wired for Space" shows how NASA researchers are developing new ways to propel a spacecraft already in orbit — without the aid of fuel.

Knowledge Network January Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				5 10:00 – 11:00 JASON Project Expedition Update
8 8:30 – 10:30 Electronic Field Trips “Missions to America” and “Potions, Ails and Smallpox Tales” 10:35 – 11:35 “The Case of the Shuttered Room”	9 8:30 – 9:30 Castle Programs 1-4 10:00 – 11:00 JASON Project Expedition Update	10 8:30 – 10:30 Kennedy Center Performing Arts Series “Taylor 2 Dance Company” and “Telling Stories: Walter Dean Myers”	11 8:30 – 9:30 Cathedral Programs 1-4 10:00 – 11:00 JASON Project Expedition Update	12 8:30 – 10:30 America Past Programs 1-8 10:35 – 12:35 America Past Programs 9-16
15 Martin Luther King Holiday No Broadcast	16 8:30 – 10:30 Club Write Programs 1-7 10:35 – 12:35 Club Write Programs 8-14	17 8:30 – 9:30 Pyramid Programs 1-3 10:00 – 11:00 JASON Project Expedition Update	18 10:00 – 11:00 and 1:00 – 2:00 Electronic Field Trip “Buying Respectability”	19 8:30 – 10:30 Know it All Programs 1-7 10:35 – 12:10 Know it All Programs 8-13
22 8:30 – 10:30 Minds on Science Programs 1-5 10:35 – 12:35 Minds on Science Programs 6-10	23 8:30 – 10:30 NASA Connect Programs 1-4 10:35 – 12:10 NASA Connect Programs 5-7	24 Request Day	25 Request Day	26 Request Day
29 8:30 – 10:30 Race to Save the Planet Programs 1-7 11:30 – 12:30 JASON Project Live	30 8:30 – 10:30 Science is Elementary Programs 1-7 10:35 – 11:25 Science is Elementary Programs 8-10 11:30 – 12:30 JASON Project Live	31 8:30 – 10:30 Landscape of Geometry Programs 1-8 11:30 – 12:30 JASON Project Live		

Knowledge Network February Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 8:30 – 10:30 Landscape of Geometry Programs 1-8 11:30 – 12:30 JASON Project Live	2 8:30 – 10:30 Race to Save the Planet Programs 1-7 11:30 – 12:30 JASON Project Live
5 8:30 – 10:15 Outside Story/Slim Goodbody Programs 1-6 11:30 – 12:30 JASON Project Live	6 8:30 – 10:30 NASA Connect (from ITV guide) Programs 1-4 11:30 – 12:30 JASON Project Live	7 8:30 – 10:05 NASA Connect (from ITV guide) Programs 5-7 11:30 – 12:30 JASON Project Live	8 8:30 – 10:30 Math Wise Programs 1-8 11:30 – 12:30 JASON Project Live	9 8:30 – 9:35 Math Wise Programs 9-12 9:40 – 10:45 Vectors Programs 1-6 11:30 – 12:30 JASON Project Live
12 8:30 – 10:30 Real Science 4 Programs 1-4 10:35 – 12:35 Real Science 4 Programs 5-8	13 8:30 – 10:30 Real Science 4 Programs 9-12 10:35 – 11:05 Real Science 4 Program 13	14 8:30 – 9:35 Trigonometric Functions Programs 1-6 9:50 – 10:55 NASA Connect “Measurement, Ratios, and Graphing” and “Geometry and Algebra: Go with the Flow”	15 10:00 – 11:00 and 1:00 – 2:00 Electronic Field Trip “Flames of Freedom” 11:00 – 11:30 NASA Connect Algebra and Functions: Wired for Space”	16 8:30 – 10:30 Science is Elementary Programs 1-7 10:30 – 11:20 Science is Elementary Programs 8-10
19 Repeat of programming on February 12	20 Repeat of Programming on February 13	21 Repeat of Programming on February 14	22 Repeat of Programming on February 15	23 Repeat of Programming on February 16
26 Request Day	27 Request Day	28 Request Day		